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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER TANAKA'S FALL TRAVEL PROGRAM

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1. SUMMARY: FONOFF HAS ANNOUNCED THAT PRIME MINISTER TANAKA HAS ACCEPTED INVITATION TO VISIT CANADA AT "EARLIEST CONVENIENCE". PRIME MINISTER REPORTEDLY ALSO CONSIDERING VISITS TO AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, BURMA, BRAZIL AND MEXICO DURING FALL OF 1974. END SUMMARY.

2. CANADA: EARLY THIS YEAR PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU EXTENDED INVITATION TO TANAKA TO VISIT CANADA, AND FONOFF ANNOUNCED ON APRIL 16 THAT TANAKA HAD ACCEPTED INVITATION AND WOULD GO "AT EARLIEST CONVENIENCE". CANADIAN EMBASSY REPORTS THAT OCTOBER IS PRELIMINARY TARGET DATE. FONOFF CONSIDERING COMBINING CANADIAN VISIT WITH TRIPS TO MEXICO AND PERHAPS BRAZIL, BUT CANADIAN EMBASSY SAYS THAT IT DOES NOT LIKE THE IDEA OF CANADA BEING SIMPLY ONE OF THE STOPS ON A TANAKA VISIT

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TO COUNTRIES WHICH SUPPLY JAPAN WITH RAW MATERIALS. CANADIANS

ALSO HOPE THAT TANAKA WILL NOT MAKE VISIT TO CANADA AN ADJUNCT TO VISIT TO U.S. AS THIS LIKELY TO DETRACT FROM IMPACT. TANAKA'S CANADIAN TRIP WILL BE LARGELY CEREMONIAL, BUT EMBASSY INDICATES THAT CANADIANS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY RAISE THEIR CONCERNS ABOUT BILATERAL TRADE IMBALANCE IF SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS NOT MADE ON THIS PROBLEM AT JOINT MINISTERIAL MEETING TO BE HELD IN TOKYO ON MAY 13 AND 14.

3. BRAZIL AND MEXICO: THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT EXTENDED AN INVITATION TO TANAKA LAST YEAR. THE EMBASSY SAYS THAT THE INVITATION IS STILL OUTSTANDING, BUT THAT FONOFF HAS NOT CONTACTED EMBASSY ABOUT ANY PROPOSED DATES. FONOFF HAS TOLD US THAT PLANS FOR VISIT ARE IN VERY PRELIMINARY STAGE AND WILL PROBABLY INCLUDE VISIT TO MEXICO AND CANADA. IT WILL BE THE FIRST VISIT OF A JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER TO LATIN AMERICA.

4. AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND AND BURMA: AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY SAYS THAT TANAKA VISIT IS NOW BEING PLANNED FOR AUGUST OR EARLY SEPTEMBER AND WILL PROBABLY TAKE PLACE IN CONJUNCTION WITH VISITS TO NEW ZEALAND AND BURMA. GOJ AND GOA ARE NOW WORKING ON DRAFTS OF A BROAD BILATERAL TREATY, (KNOW AS THE TREATY OF NARA) WHICH WAS PROPOSED BY WHITLAM DURING HIS VISIT TO JAPAN LAST YEAR. THIS AGREEMENT WILL BE IN LIEU OF FCN TREATY, BUT FONOFF DOUBTS THAT DOCUMENT WILL BE READY FOR SIGNATURE IN TIME FOR TANAKA VISIT. NEW ZEALAND EMBASSY SAYS THAT TANAKA HAS BEEN INVITED AND THAT VISIT WILL PROBABLY TAKE PLACE IN THE FALL ON HIS WAY TO OR FROM AUSTRALIA.

COMMENT: FONOFF INDICATES THAT WHILE IT BELIEVES IT USEFUL FOR PRIME MINISTER TO VISIT COUNTRIES WITH WHICH JAPAN HAS STRONG ECONOMIC TIES AND TRIP TO LATIN AMERICA IS OVERDUE, IMPETUS FOR FALL TRAVEL PROGRAM OUTLINED ABOVE IS COMING PRIMARILY FROM TANAKA HIMSELF. TANAKA UNDOUBTEDLY LOOKING AT DOMESTIC POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS AS WELL AS FOREIGN POLICY ASPECTS AND BELIEVES THAT HEAVY POST-UPPER HOUSE ELECTION TRAVEL SCHEDULE WILL GIVE IMPRESSION OF VIGOROUS LEADERSHIP AND DOMONSTRATE HIS CONFIDENCE THAT ELCTION RESULTS WILL NOT FORCE HIM FROM OFFICE PREMATURELY.

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